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While you wait, we invite you to complete a voluntary survey to help ADOT understand who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation. azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista/Self-ID-ENG

Mientras espera, lo invitamos a completar una encuesta voluntaria para ayudar a ADOT a comprender quiénes asisten a sus reuniones públicas y como podrá mejorar la participación de miembros de minorías.

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Welcome and thanks for joining us this evening for the Loop 202, Loop 101 to Val Vista Drive public meeting. The meeting will begin shortly. While you are waiting, we ask that you take a brief one question survey. By completing this voluntary survey, ADOT will be able to determine who attends its public meetings and how the department can improve participation. The survey will also help ADOT fulfill federal reporting requirements. We have also placed a link to the self-ID survey in the meeting chat for your convenience taking the survey before the meeting begins.

English: azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista/Self-ID-ENG

Con su participación en esta encuesta voluntaria, ADOT podrá determinar quien participa en las reuniones públicas y como podrá mejorar la participación de miembros de minorías. La encuesta también le ayudará a ADOT a cumplir con requisitos federales.

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Good evening! I'm Carolynn Ludington, ADOT Community Relations Project Manager. Thank you for joining us for this public meeting for the Loop 202, Loop 101 to Val Vista Drive Widening Project.



Spanish Interpretation

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Loop 202, Loop 101 to Val Vista Drive Widening Project

- All participants have been muted to avoid background noise
- Following the meeting presentation, we will take questions and comments online and by phone
 - o Instructions will be provided
- To turn on closed captioning select that option from the menu



Participants joining us via their computers on Zoom or through their phones are currently muted. I'll describe the meeting format and how to participate in just a moment, but first, if you are having any technical issues right now, you may need to hang up or log off, then redial or reconnect.

Please note this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the project website.

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The format for tonight is a short presentation, followed by an open question and answer session. After the presentation, we'll provide instructions on how to ask a question or comment by phone or online. Keep in mind that after this meeting, you can continue to ask questions or provide comments through June 22. We'll tell you how at the end of the meeting.



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Tonight's Presenters

- Kirstin Huston, P.E., ADOT Senior Project Manager
- Ronald Szwiec, Jr., P.E., Vice President, AZTEC Engineering
- Other project team members available for the Q&A

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Before we start the presentation, I'd like to introduce tonight's presenters. They are:

- Kirstin Huston, Professional Engineer, ADOT Senior Project Manager
- Ronald Szwiec, Jr., Professional Engineer, Vice President, AZTEC Engineering
 - Other project team members available for the Q&A session are:
 - Randy Everett, Central District Administrator, Infrastructure Delivery & Operations (IDO) Division
 - Diana Dunn, Environmental Planner, AZTEC Engineering
 - Andrew Moreno, Traffic Engineer, AZTEC Engineering

Next, I'd like to hand it off to Kirstin Huston, our ADOT project manager.

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- Overview of Loop 202 widening between Loop 101 and Val Vista Drive
- Opportunity to ask questions and provide comments



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Thanks Carolynn. Good evening, and thank you for joining us tonight. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide information about the widening project on the Loop 202 Santan freeway between Loop 101 and Val Vista Drive.

Once the project presentation is done, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments online or by phone.

Overview

- Adds two general purpose lanes in each direction from Loop 101 to Gilbert Road
- Adds one general purpose lane from Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive
- Widens exit ramps to two lanes
- Reconstructs the eastbound Arizona Avenue on-ramp and bridge
- Widens overpass bridges

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This project will widen approximately 8 miles of the Loop 202 freeway, in both eastbound and westbound directions.

The widening will add two new general purpose lanes in each direction from Loop 101 to Gilbert Road, and one new general purpose lane in each direction from Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive.

The widening will occur to the outside of Loop 202, which will require widening overpass bridges. We will also be reconstructing the exit ramps from one to two lanes to increase capacity, and will be reconstructing the eastbound on-ramp and bridge at Arizona Avenue.

Background & Need

- Loop 202 (Santan Freeway) is the main freeway serving Chandler and Gilbert
- Maricopa County is one of the fastest growing regions in the U.S.
- Growth is increasing traffic congestion
- Project will increase freeway capacity to alleviate congestion



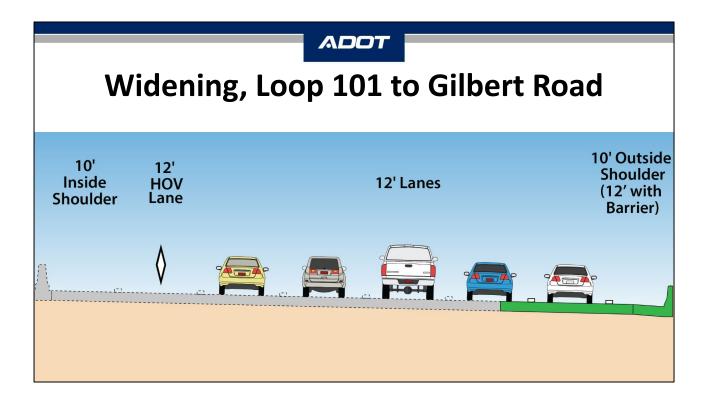
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This segment of Loop 202 is a vital transportation corridor for southeast valley communities of the City of Chandler and the Town of Gilbert. It also provides connection to and from Loop 101.

Maricopa County is one of the fastest growing regions in the country. Growing traffic demand has caused Loop 202 to become increasingly congested during the morning and evening peak travel periods.

Without the freeway widening, Loop 202 traffic is expected to have a failing level of service by 2030.

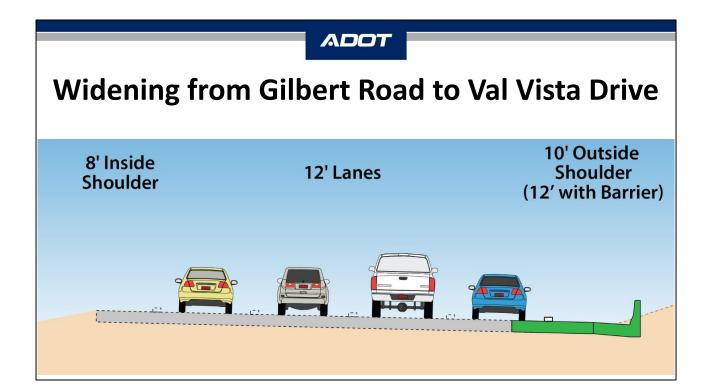
Adding lanes to Loop 202 will increase traffic capacity and will help reduce congestion



This cross section illustration shows the widening from Loop 101 to Gilbert Road.

The gray portion shows the current lane configuration with 3 general purpose lanes and an HOV lane in each direction. The green portion shows how the freeway will be widened to the outside to accommodate two additional lanes.

The widening will result in a final configuration of 5 general purpose lanes and 1 HOV lane in each direction.



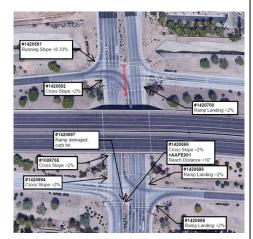
This figure shows the widening from Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive.

The gray portion shows the current lane configuration with 3 general purpose lanes in each direction. As on the last slide, the green portion shows how the freeway will be widened to the outside to accommodate another lane.

The widening will result in a final configuration of 4 general purpose lanes.

ADA Sidewalk/Crosswalk Improvements

- Reconstruct curb ramps, gutters and islands
- Extend/reconstruct sidewalks
- Install Detectable Warning Strips
- Replace or install pedestrian push buttons and signals
- Reconstruct sidewalks



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This aerial shows an example of ADA features found to be non-compliant. This location shows non-compliant ADA features at Arizona Avenue that will be upgraded. ADA features were assessed at each traffic interchange within the project limits, and all ADA features at interchanges found to be non-compliant will be upgraded.

Improvements at the traffic interchanges may include reconstructing ADA ramps, curb and gutter, islands and sidewalks, extending sidewalks to push buttons, installing detectable warning strips, and improvements to pedestrian push buttons and signals.

ADA improvements will be made at all major crossroads which includes Price, Dobson, Alma School, McQueen, Cooper, and Gilbert Roads, Arizona Avenue, and Val Vista Drive.

ADA improvements at Lindsay Road are being addressed with the Lindsay Road interchange project under construction right now.

Landscape & Aesthetics

- Removed landscaping will be replaced
- Wall and bridge aesthetics will match existing



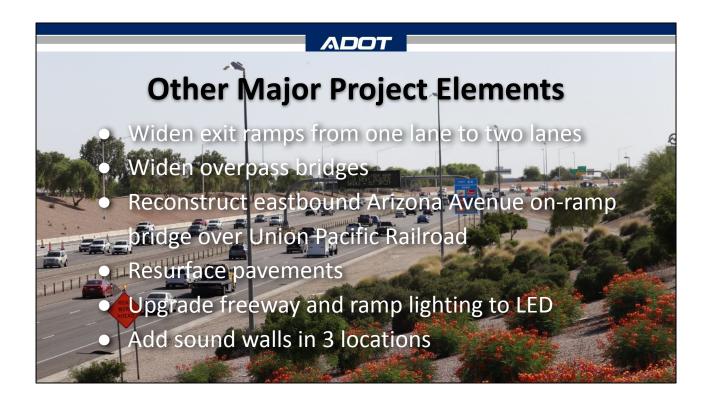




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All existing landscaping material including ocotillos and mature trees in areas disturbed by construction will be removed and will be replaced with similar landscape material. The proposed landscape will match the existing plant density

Modifications or reconstruction of ramps, walls, and bridge structures will be similar to the existing rustication treatment and paint color.



Other notable project elements include:

Widening exit ramps to two lanes, and restriping lanes to accommodate additional lanes where feasible.

Widening bridges over the Arizona Avenue, Union Pacific Railroad, Consolidated Canal, and Lindsay Road

Reconstructing the eastbound on-ramp bridge over Union Pacific Railroad

Resurfacing the pavement on the freeway and ramps

Upgrading lighting to LED, and add sound walls where warranted.



Noise Analysis/Noise Abatement

A noise analysis was conducted within the project limits based on current ADOT/Federal regulations.

- ✔ Performed noise measurements along the freeway within project limits
- ✔ Predicted noise levels based on future (2040) traffic volumes
- Residences, schools, parks, churches eligible for noise abatement consideration
- Determined where new noise walls were warranted
- Mitigation based on future noise levels exceeding threshold and other factors
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A noise analysis was conducted in 2019 based on ADOT and federal regulations.

Noise readings were taken throughout the project. Future noise levels at homes, parks, schools, churches and other noise sensitive receptors were predicted based on future traffic volumes in 2040 with the widening project.

Where noise levels were predicted to exceed the noise threshold, and also met other federal criteria for feasibility and cost effectiveness, new sound walls were added.

New Sound Wall Locations

- East of McQueen Road, North Side of Loop 202
- East of McQueen Road, South Side of Loop 202
- West of Val Vista Drive, South Side of Loop 202

As per ADOT Noise Abatement Requirements Chapter 6.1, noise barriers that are otherwise feasible and reasonable will automatically be considered to be desired unless the public involvement aspect of the NEPA process indicates that a substantial portion of benefited receptors are opposed to the barriers.

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As a result of the noise analysis, new sound walls will be included in three locations:

- Along the North Side of Loop 202, East of McQueen Road
- Along the South side of Loop 202, East of McQueen Road
- Along the South Side of Loop 202, West of Val Vista Drive

In our next slides we'll provide more detail on these walls



This slide shows the project from Loop 101 to McQueen Road. The top arial shows Loop 101 to Alma School Road and the bottom shows Alma School Road to McQueen Road.

The green lines show where existing walls are located. As you can see, residential areas in this part of the project already have sound walls. These existing walls will remain in place.

There are no new sound walls planned in this area of the project.



This slide shows the project from McQueen Road to Val Vista Drive. The top aerial shows McQueen Road to Gilbert Road and the bottom shows Gilbert Road to Val Vista Drive.

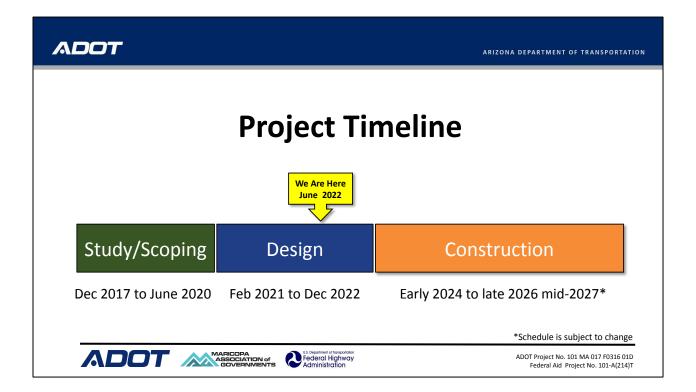
Again, the green lines show where existing sound walls are located and will remain in place.

The orange lines show the locations of new sound walls. As mentioned, there are three new sound walls planned in this area:

The sound wall east of McQueen on the north side of Loop 202 will be 12 feet high and approximately 2,347 feet long.

The sound wall east of McQueen on the south side of Loop 202 will be 14 feet high and approximately 1,985 feet long.

The sound wall west of Val Vista on the south side of Loop 202 will be 12 feet high and approximately 2,000 feet long.



Currently the project is in the final design phase, which is anticipated to be completed late this year.

Construction is expected to start in early 2024 and take 2-2/12 years to complete, which places completion of the project in late 2026 to mid 2027.

What to Expect During Construction

- Periodic overnight and weekend freeway restrictions / closures
- Avoiding restrictions during daytime peak travel
- Ramp closures
- Closures and lane restrictions on cross streets
- Avoiding freeway closures during major events and holidays
- Advance notice of construction restrictions to Loop 202 email list

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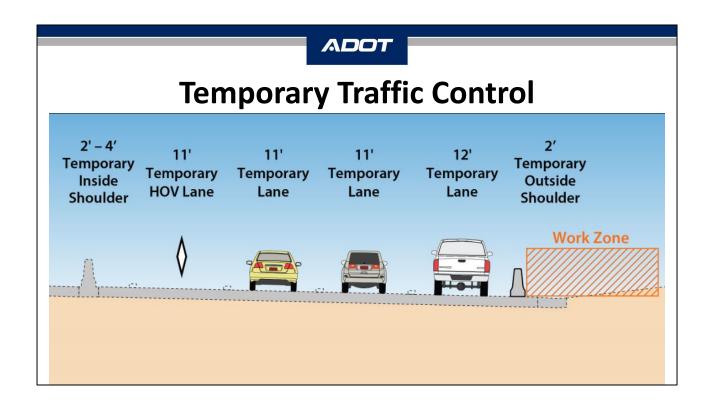
To minimize impacts to commuting traffic, construction restrictions and closures on Loop 202 will primarily occur during overnight hours and on weekends.

Ramps will be need to be closed for reconstruction, however no two consecutive ramps will be closed.

Closures and lane restrictions will be required at cross streets when construction is happening at those locations.

Closures will be avoided during large community events and major holidays.

Advance notice of restrictions and closures will be provided via email and the project website



This figure shows what the majority of the mainline will look like while the outside widening is under construction. There will be reduced shoulders and lane widths, but the existing number of lanes will remain the same as what's out there now. ||||||

That completes the overview portion of this public information meeting. Now I will hand it off to Carolynn. She will explain how to submit your comments and questions.

Comments and Questions

Ways to provide comments through June 22:

Tonight's meeting

 Online Survey: azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista/comment-form

Email: <u>cludington@azdot.gov</u>

Phone: 480-594-6206

• Mail: Carolynn Ludington, ADOT Community Relations, 1655

W. Jackson, Room 179, MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Thanks, Kirstin! We will be accepting comments through June 22. There are different ways you can comment or ask questions about the project.

In just a moment, we will begin the question and comment portion of tonight's meeting.

You can also submit questions and comments in the following ways:

Through the online survey at azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista/comment-form You can email me at cludington@azdot.gov

You can call me at: 480-594-6206

Or, you can mail your comments to me at:

Carolynn Ludington, ADOT Community Relations, 1655 West Jackson, Room 179, MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007

More Information/Mailing List

- Visit project website at: <u>https://azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista</u>
- View presentation
- Sign up for project mailing list to be notified of updates

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As mentioned earlier, we will be posting the recording of tonight's meeting on our project website at: azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista

We encourage you to visit the website to sign up for the project mailing list.

Q & A

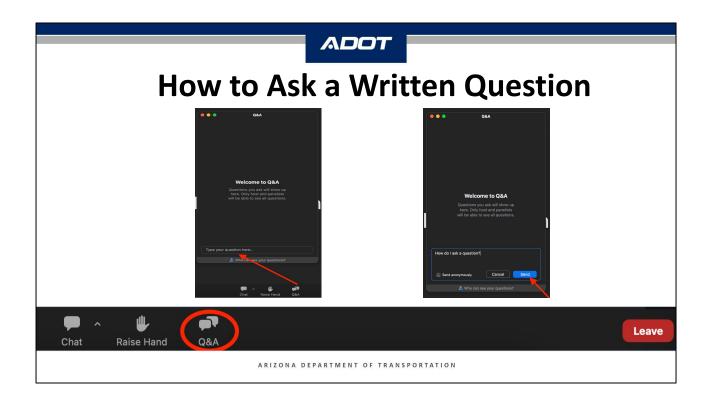
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 - Please limit verbal question to no more than 30 seconds.
 - We may consolidate similar comments/questions.
 - Limit to one question until all have had an opportunity to comment.

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Now we'll begin the question and answer portion of the meeting. Due to time constraints and to allow others time to comment, please be brief and limit your verbal question to no more than 30 seconds. If there are similar comments or questions received, we may consolidate them. Additionally, please limit yourself to one question or comment until everyone has had an opportunity to comment.

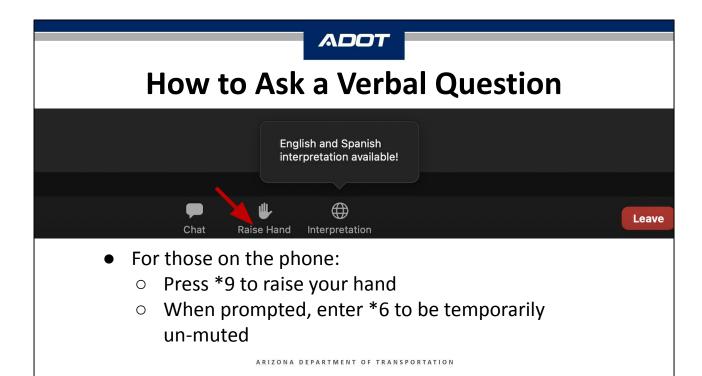
If needed, we can extend our meeting time by up to 15 minutes to respond to questions. If we still have outstanding questions at that time, we will respond to written questions as part of the meeting summary, which we will provide to participants via email and post on our project web page.

For those on the phone you may submit questions or comments by phone or other methods described previously following the meeting.



If you are participating in the online meeting, you can submit a written question or comment using the Q&A feature. Click on the icon towards the bottom of your screen that says Q&A and the feature will pop up. Then, type your question and click send.

For our Spanish speakers when you provide comments in Spanish using the Chat function a Spanish-speaking project team member will provide translation of both the question or comment and the response.



Carolynn: The second way to participate if you are joining the meeting online is to raise your hand by clicking on the Raise Hand icon at the bottom of your screen. When you raise your hand, the presenter will call on you by name and you will be prompted to unmute yourself. Those who ask a question in Spanish will have it repeated in English by our interpreter and hear the response interpreted in Spanish.

For attendees joining us on the phone, please enter *9 to indicate you would like to speak and we will receive the hand raised signal. When we are ready for your question/comment our host will ask you to unmute yourself by pressing *6.

Now, I'd like to introduce tonight's moderator, Jan Gordley, President of the Gordley Group.

Jan – Good Evening. I'll be helping take your questions for the project team to respond to. We want to get to as many as possible. First, we'll take questions from those on the phone with their hands raised. They will be called on one by one by the last four digits of their phone number and unmuted. Then we'll take questions from those online with their hands raised by calling on them by name and unmuting them. After that we will be reading the questions entered into the Q&A for everyone to hear.

We may consolidate questions that are the same or very similar in an effort to

make time for everyone with different questions to be heard and responded to. If we find that there are more questions than can be responded to by the close of this meeting scheduled for 7:30, we will extend the meeting until 7:45.

Now Carolynn will provide a reminder for how to do that.

Thank you for attending

- More information, comment, sign up for mailing list: azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista
- Reminder to take our Self-ID Survey to assist us with federal reporting
 - English: <u>azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista/Self-ID-ENG</u>
 - Spanish: <u>azdot.gov/L202-L101-to-ValVista/Self-ID-SPA</u>
- For questions/comments use the comment form or contact Carolynn Ludington

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Before we close, I'd like to remind you that this presentation was recorded and will be posted to the project website.

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Also, if you have not already done so, please take the Anonymous Self-ID Survey. We have placed the link to the survey in the chat again for your convenience.

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Thank you very much for your interest in the project and your participation. Have a great evening!